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INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming that General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996, the Agenda for Development[1] and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as agreed conclusions 1995/1 of the Council,[2] provide a basis for intergovernmental integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Taking into account the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General that the United Nations system should be encouraged to enhance national capacity efforts for data collection and analysis,[3] as well as the dialogue that took place during the Council's session on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits, held from 13-15 May 1998,

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[1] General Assembly resolution 51/240.

[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.

[3] E/1998/19, sect. III, recommendation (ix).

Recognizing that Governments have the primary responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of conference outcomes, while the United Nations system has an important role to play in support of such national efforts, in particular those of developing countries,

Recognizing the need to start, on a step-by-step basis, an intergovernmental process on how to better address the need for relevant indicators to monitor the implementation of all aspects of conference outcomes at all levels,

1. Decides to hold an informal meeting of the Council with panels of experts immediately after the Council's resumed organizational session for 1999, of one to two days' duration, to consider in a comprehensive manner the work being carried out by the United Nations system, and other relevant international and national institutions, on basic indicators to measure progress towards the implementation of the integrated and coordinated follow-up of all aspects, including means of implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields at all levels, with a view, as a first step, to taking stock and identifying overlapping duplication and gaps;

2. Also decides that this informal meeting should have an interactive format so as to encourage dialogue among the participants and delegations, the content of such a dialogue to be summarized by the Secretariat;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on this matter, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the present resolution, which should be distributed well in advance of the meeting;

4. Requests the Bureau of the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat, to establish arrangements for the meeting, securing a balance with respect to the participation of panellists from both developed and developing countries.